

CLAIMS

1-26 (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, perform a method comprising:

presenting a user interface (UI) on a multimedia presentation system at a first locus, wherein the UI comprises a display area listing a bookmark for a bookmarked multimedia program bookmarked at a second locus different from the first locus and a listing of multiple loci within a physical environment, the listed multiple loci including at least the first locus and the second locus;

receiving a manual user interaction based upon the UI that indicates that the user selects the bookmarked multimedia program for resumption of presentation from a point of the bookmark;

requesting that a communicatively coupled multimedia server streams to the multimedia presentation system at the first locus the selected bookmarked multimedia program from the point of the bookmark; and

presenting the selected bookmarked multimedia program at the multimedia presentation system at the first locus from the point of the bookmark.

28. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI comprises a listing of some or all of the bookmarks associated with a

particular multimedia program, and the manual user interaction comprises a manual selection of one bookmark from the listing of the some or all of the bookmarks .

29. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI comprises a listing of some or all of the bookmarks associated with a particular multimedia program and, wherein, the some or all of the bookmarks are listed based upon one or more properties associated therewith.

30. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI comprises a listing of some or all of the bookmarks associated with a particular multimedia program and, wherein, the some or all of the bookmarks are listed based upon one or more properties associated therewith; the one or more properties are selected from a group consisting of:

- identity of multimedia content of the particular multimedia program;
- relative point of the bookmark during the presentation of the particular multimedia program;
- most recently bookmarked multimedia programs;
- a category of the multimedia content being bookmarked;
- a locus of a system where the particular multimedia program was bookmarked;
- identity of a user who manually bookmarked the particular multimedia program;
- chronological time of generation of the bookmark ;

- chronological date of generation of the bookmark;
- relative time during the presentation where the particular multimedia program was bookmarked.

31. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI graphically illustrates one or more of the following:

- identity of the selected bookmarked multimedia program;
- relative point of the bookmark during presentation of the selected bookmarked multimedia program;
- most recently bookmarked multimedia programs;
- a category of one or more bookmarked multimedia programs;
- a locus of a system where the one or more bookmarked multimedia programs were bookmarked;
- identity of the user who manually bookmarked the one or more bookmarked multimedia programs;
- chronological time when the one or more bookmarked multimedia programs were bookmarked;
- chronological date when the one or more bookmarked multimedia programs were bookmarked;
- relative time when the one or more bookmarked multimedia programs were bookmarked; or
- graphical depiction of relative time when the one or more bookmarked multimedia programs were bookmarked.

32. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI comprises a listing of some or all broadcast media programs that have one or more bookmarks.

33. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI comprises a listing of broadcast media programs available with indicative indicia corresponding with broadcast media programs that have one or more bookmarks.

34. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI comprises a grid listing of broadcast media programs available with indicative indicia corresponding with broadcast media programs that have one or more bookmarks.

35. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 27, wherein the UI comprises a listing of broadcast media programs available with indicative indicia corresponding with broadcast media programs that have one or more bookmarks, wherein the appearances of the indicia vary to indicate differences in one or more properties associated with bookmarked broadcast media programs.

36. (Original) A computing device comprising:
a multimedia presentation unit;
a medium as recited in claim 27.

37. (Currently Amended)

A system comprising:

a means for presenting a user interface (UI) on a multimedia presentation system at a first locus, wherein the UI comprises a display area listing a bookmark for a bookmarked multimedia program bookmarked at a second locus different from the first locus, and wherein the display area further comprises a listing of multiple loci within a physical environment, the listed multiple loci including at least the first locus and the second locus;

a means for receiving a manual user interaction based upon the UI that indicates that the user selects the bookmarked multimedia program for resumption of presentation from the point of the bookmark;

a means for requesting that a communicatively coupled multimedia server streams to the multimedia presentation system at the first locus the selected bookmarked multimedia program from the point of the bookmark; and

a means for presenting the selected bookmarked multimedia program at the multimedia presentation system at the first locus from the point of the bookmark.

38-43. (Canceled).

44. (Currently Amended)

A multimedia presentation

system which is configured to be communicatively coupled to at least one multimedia server and a plurality of other multimedia presentation systems in a networked environment, the presentation system comprising:

a multimedia rendering unit configured to present multimedia content and one or more user interfaces (UIs); and

a computing unit configured to communicate with a multimedia server over a network and further configured to generate a UI for presentation on the presentation device at a first locus, the UI for presentation on the presentation device comprising a first display area being at the first locus for listing bookmarks, each respective bookmark being associated with one or more multimedia programs, wherein the one or more multimedia programs were bookmarked by the each respective bookmark at a locus different from the first locus, and wherein the computing unit is further configured to present the one or more multimedia programs at the first locus using the each respective bookmark; and

a resumption unit configured to track a state of live content being consumed by the multimedia presentation system and the plurality of other multimedia presentation systems in the environment, the live content comprising both content played live and bookmarked content.

45. (Previously Presented)

A presentation system as

recited in claim 44 further comprising a user-interface control panel configured to

receive user input action that triggers generation of a bookmark; such action is selected from a group consisting of:

- selection of another source of multimedia content;
- viewing a list of other sources of multimedia content;
- manually pressing a "pause" key;
- manually pressing a "bookmark" key; and
- manually pressing another pre-defined key or choosing a pre-defined option.

46. (Previously Presented) A presentation system as recited in claim 44, wherein one or more properties associated with the each of the bookmarks are selected from a group consisting of:

- identity of the multimedia content;
- relative point of a bookmark during the presentation;
- most recently bookmarked multimedia program of the one or more multimedia programs;
- a category of the multimedia content that was bookmarked;
- a locus of a system where the bookmarked multimedia program was bookmarked;
- an identity of a user who manually bookmarked the bookmarked multimedia program;
- chronological time of generation of the bookmark ;
- chronological date of generation of the bookmark ;

- relative time during the presentation where the bookmarked multimedia program was bookmarked;

47. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, perform a method comprising:

presenting a graphic user interface (UI) on a multimedia presentation system at a resume location ("resume-locus system") that allows a user to select when to resume presentation of a bookmarked multimedia program from a point of a bookmark, and where to resume presentation of the bookmarked multimedia program, wherein the bookmark was generated at one of multiple locations within a physical environment and presented at the same or another location within the physical environment, the physical environment including a network of communicatively coupled multimedia presentation systems, wherein the graphic user interface comprises:

a first display of different locations where the selected bookmarked multimedia program can be assumed resumed;

a second display of at least one of different bookmarks within the selected bookmarked multimedia program; and

a third display of the selected bookmarked multimedia program with a bookmark icon;

receiving a manual user interaction that indicates that the user would like to resume the selected bookmarked multimedia program from the point of the bookmark;

requesting that a communicatively coupled multimedia server streams to the resume-locus system the selected bookmarked multimedia program from the point of the bookmark; and

presenting the selected bookmarked multimedia program from the point of the bookmark and doing so at the resume-locus system using turnertuner-swapping or turnertuner-sharing, wherein tuner-swapping comprises exchanging of state between a source location and a destination location and includes the destination location obtaining from the source location, a media-content pause buffer attached to a tuner, and further wherein tuner-sharing comprises the source location and the destination location sharing both the tuner and the pause buffer.

48. (Original) A computing device comprising:

a multimedia presentation unit;
a medium as recited in claim 47.

49. (Currently Amended)

A processor-readable medium

having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, produce a user interface (UI) of multimedia presentation system, the UI comprising:

a first display area being at a first locus and listing bookmarks, each one of the bookmarks being associated with one or more multimedia programs, each one of the one or more multimedia programs being bookmarked at a locus different from the first locus;

an executable process configured to stream a request for a multimedia program of the one or more multimedia programs when its associated listing ("selected listing") is selected from the listing of the bookmarks, the request is sent to a communicatively coupled multimedia server to ask the communicatively coupled multimedia server to stream the multimedia program associated with a bookmark of the selected listing from the point of the bookmark, the executable process being further configured to perform one or more of the following operations when the multimedia program is determined to include live content:

tuner-swapping wherein a state of the playback of content on two systems is exchanged;

tuner-sharing wherein multiple systems playback the same shared content while maintaining an independent state; and

a second display area at the first locus displaying the multimedia program from the point of the bookmark listed in the first display area.

50. (Canceled).

51. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 49, wherein the bookmarks are listed in the first display area, based upon one or more properties associated therewith.

52. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 49, wherein the bookmarks are listed in the first display area, based upon one or more properties associated therewith; the one or more properties are selected from a group consisting of:

- identity of multimedia content;
- relative point of the bookmark during the presentation;
- most recently bookmarked multimedia program of the one or more multimedia programs;
- a category of the multimedia content that was bookmarked;
- a locus of a system where the multimedia program was bookmarked;
- an identity of a user who manually bookmarked the multimedia program;
- chronological time of generation of the bookmark ;
- chronological date of generation of the bookmark ;
- relative time during the presentation where the multimedia program was bookmarked.

53. (Currently Amended)

A processor-readable medium

having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, produce a user interface (UI) of a multimedia presentation system at a first locus, the UI comprising:

a first display area listing multimedia programs having at least one bookmark associated therewith, wherein the at least one bookmark is bookmarked at a second locus different from the first locus;

an executable process configured to stream a request for a multimedia program of the multimedia programs when its associated listing is selected ("selected listing"); the request is sent to a communicatively coupled multimedia server and asks the communicatively coupled multimedia to stream the multimedia program associated with the selected listing from the point of a bookmark associated therewith, the executable process being further configured to perform one or more of the following operations when the multimedia program is determined to include live content:

tuner-swapping wherein a state of the playback of content on two systems is exchanged;

tuner-sharing wherein multiple systems playback the same shared content while maintaining an independent state; and

a second display displaying the multimedia program from the point of the bookmark listed in the first display area.

54. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim

53, wherein the multimedia programs listed in the first display area are part of broadcast media transmissions.

55. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim

53, wherein the bookmarks of the programs listed in the first display area are chosen to be listed based upon one or more properties associated with the at least one bookmark or the multimedia programs.

56. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim

53, wherein the at least one bookmark of the multimedia programs listed in the first display area is chosen to be listed based upon one or more properties associated with the at least one bookmark or the multimedia programs; the one or more properties are selected from a group consisting of:

- identity of multimedia content;
- relative point of the at least one bookmark during the presentation of the multimedia program;
- most recently bookmarked multimedia programs;
- category of multimedia content bookmarked;
- locus of system where the multimedia program was bookmarked;
- identity of user who manually bookmarked the multimedia program;
- chronological time of generation of the bookmark ;
- chronological date of generation of the bookmark ; and

- relative time during presentation where the multimedia program was bookmarked.

57. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, produces a user interface (UI) of a multimedia presentation system at a first locus, the UI comprising:

a first display area listing broadcast multimedia programs, wherein such listing includes one or more broadcast media programs that are bookmarked at a second locus different from the first locus, and wherein the display area further comprises a listing of multiple loci within a physical environment, the listed multiple loci including at least the first locus and the second locus;

an executable process associated with the listing of each program that is configured to stream a request when its associated listing is selected, this request is sent to a communicatively coupled multimedia server and asks the communicatively coupled multimedia server to stream a multimedia program of the broadcast multimedia programs associated with the selected listing from the point of a bookmark associated therewith, the executable process being further configured to perform one or more of the following operations when the multimedia program is determined to include live content:

tuner-swapping wherein a state of the playback of content on two systems is exchanged;

tuner-sharing wherein multiple systems playback the same shared content
while maintaining an independent state; and
a second display area displaying the multimedia program from the point of the bookmark.

58. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 57, wherein a listing of the broadcast multimedia programs in the first display area is in a grid-like pattern based upon a presentation schedule of the broadcast multimedia programs.

59. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 57, wherein bookmarks of the broadcast multimedia programs listed in the first display area are chosen to be listed based upon one or more properties associated with the bookmarks or the broadcast multimedia programs.

60. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 57, wherein bookmarks of the broadcast multimedia programs listed in the first display area are chosen to be listed based upon one or more properties associated with the bookmarks or the broadcast multimedia programs; the one or more properties are selected from a group consisting of:

- identity of multimedia content;
- relative point of the at least one bookmark during displaying of the multimedia program;

- most recently bookmarked multimedia programs;
- category of the multimedia content bookmarked;
- locus of system where the multimedia program was bookmarked;
- identity of user who manually bookmarked the multimedia program;
- chronological time of generation of the bookmark ;
- chronological date of generation of the bookmark ; and
- relative time during presentation where the multimedia program was bookmarked.

61. (Previously Presented) A medium as recited in claim 57, wherein the broadcast multimedia programs are received via one or more broadcast media transmissions which are selected from a group consisting of incoming live television broadcast, incoming live cable television signal, incoming live satellite signal, incoming live video-on-demand signal, and incoming live pay-per-view signal.

62. (Canceled).

63. (Canceled).